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SENATOR BURBACH: I would like to know because of the time, if being a time element is a factor here now. It's under discussion. I would like to know what that bill is about.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, speaking to the question of the Speaker, that is correct. The Welfare Department brought in three bills. They were the first three bills heard by the Judiciary Committee. One of them dealt with this particular subject matter. Because of the manner in which it was drafted the majority of the Judiciary Committee chose to reject it. However, they rejected it with the understanding that this bill, 926 I believe it is, Senator Schmit's bill was coming up and that that particular provision which was very important to the retention of federal funding or as Senator Murphy says, our federal monies, would be included in that particular bill. Senator Schmit was agreeable, worked it out with Mr. Warnsholz and the Department, Welfare Department, it is a bill dealing with the enforcement of the collection of support money, obtaining support money from divorce cases in which the Welfare Department has federal regulations which if we do not pass this type of guideline legislation they are going to continue to reduce the welfare funds coming to the state, ultimately affecting all of our welfare funding in this area. So it is a very serious matter and it will amount to a dollar figure which I think is close to what you stated this year or this coming...

SENATOR BURBACH: This should be from the state general funds. Is that correct?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well we would not have the federal funds.

SENATOR BURBACH: Right.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: It would keep us from having the federal funds.

PRESIDENT: How long would you estimate it would take us to dispose of this bill one way or another, Senator Luedtke?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I would not think, I would not think that Senator Schmit could probably explain it in 10 minutes.

PRESIDENT: Alright, but that will come up after 565. Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To get an understanding, Mr. Chairman, of how we are going to proceed today because we all have bills in which we are interested. So all we have to do is show what we consider to be an emergency and bills that have not been scheduled be scheduled because this bill is controversial and if they are going to do it like they do some of these controversial bills by saying, now we don't have time to discuss it, we have to go on and pass it and we will suspend the rules. I don't want to be a party to that at all and this bill is not a simple matter.

PRESIDENT: Well Senator, we are going to follow the agenda under number 8 but there is added to that number 926 at the